



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
1301 CONSTITUTION AVENUE
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

DATE: February 16, 2017

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-AR-2015-ADM-0120

CROSS REFERENCE #: COMP-2015-111

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

OFFICE OF POLICY, EPA, WASHINGTON,

CASE CLOSING REPORT

| Subject(s) | Location | Other Data |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) | Washington, DC | |

VIOLATION(S):

18 U.S.C. Section 641 (Theft)

18 U.S.C. Section 1017 (Government seals wrongfully used)

5 CFR Part 2634 (Duty to report potential conflicts of interest)

ALLEGATION:

On May 1, 2015, the Washington Field Office, Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Arlington, VA received EPA OIG Hotline 2015-198. According to the hotline, it was alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Policy, EPA, Washington, DC had obtained by fraud \$20,000.00 from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Chicago, IL by having (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) invest in a company known as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). According to the complaint (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is the vice chairman of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is the company's (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The complaint further alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) may have used documents with the EPA logo to solicit funds from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for the investment. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had already notified the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). This inquiry was opened to determine whether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had a business that needed to be reported to EPA, as well as whether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) misused EPA resources for this outside business.

FINDINGS:

Multiple interviews and records checks were conducted which, although confirmed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) involvement as an officer with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not identify instances where (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) may have utilized EPA resources, documents, or the EPA logo, for personal use. Further, at the time of the investigation, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not required to submit an OGE 450 (Confidential Financial Disclosure Report) and was apparently unaware that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) may have been required to report (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) business involvement.

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DISPOSITION: Inconclusive; Closed

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5), (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED], this case was not presented for criminal prosecution. As, at the time, (b) (6), (b) (7) [REDACTED] was not required to submit an OGE 450, as (b) (6) [REDACTED] was apparently unaware that (b) (6) [REDACTED] may have been required to report (b) (6) [REDACTED] business involvement, as (b) (6), [REDACTED] management has since required (b) (6) [REDACTED] to submit an OGE 450, as (b) (6), [REDACTED] proactively separated (b) (6), [REDACTED] from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED] it is believed continued investigation would not be in the best interests of the government. No further investigative activity is anticipated. This investigation is closed.



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DATE: September 14, 2017

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-AR-2015-CAC-0116

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: THREAT - TELEPHONE MESSAGE TO EPA EMPLOYEE, R2, ALBANY, NY

CASE CLOSING REPORT

| Subject(s) | Location | Other Data |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) | ALBANY, NY | |

VIOLATION(S):

On March 9, 2016, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pled guilty to Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree: New York Penal Law 240.30, in Town of Colonie Justice Court, Albany County, New York.

ALLEGATIONS:

On July 17, 2015, an individual left a threatening voice message to an employee of the US EPA Hudson River Field Office located in Albany, NY. Shortly thereafter, the same individual left a threatening voice message to an employee of the Albany US Housing and Urban Development office. (b) (6), (b) (7) was identified through telephone logs and online activity.

FINDINGS:

EPA OIG agents, (b) (7)(E) agents developed information identifying the caller as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). EPA OIG agents (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) had posted numerous threatening comments directed toward EPA employees and Federal Law Enforcement Agents who would enforce any environmental laws, threatening to open fire on agents on sight. (b) (6), (b) (7) also posted numerous references to weapons (b) (6), (b) (7) possessed that were in violation of the NY Safe Act, which regulates the sale and possession of assault weapons and handguns.

On August 28, 2015, (b) (7)(E), EPA OIG, (b) (7)(E) executed a Search and Seizure Warrant at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residence. In addition to digital evidence seized, three rifles, a shotgun, and 2 high capacity magazines were seized.

(b) (6), (b) (7) was subsequently arrested and charged with 2 Felony counts in violation of New York State statutes for making terroristic threats by the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

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On March 9, 2016, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pled guilty to Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree: New York Penal Law 240.30, in Town of Colonie Justice Court, Albany County, New York in front of the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On May 11, 2016, the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sentenced (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to 3 days' credit for time served, 3 years' supervised probation in Saratoga County, NY, and to turn all (b) (6) firearms over to a responsible third party, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and agreed to not have access to the firearms for three years.

In addition, as part of (b) (6) supervised probation, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is prohibited from contacting or trespassing on US Government property, specifically the U.S. EPA or HUD or property controlled by each entity.

DISPOSITION: SUPPORTED

This investigation determined the allegation was supported. All legal proceedings have been completed and/or exhausted in this investigation. As a result, this investigation is considered closed.



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CASE #: OI-CH-2018-THT-0015

CROSS REFERENCE #: Hotline #2018-0046

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: TELEPHONE THREAT, TROY, MICHIGAN

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE CLOSING REPORT

| Subject(s) | Location | Other Data |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|
| UNKNOWN MALE CALLER | TROY, MI | (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) |

COMPLAINT: Possible indirect threats made towards Scott Pruitt, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and other employees of the agency.

BACKGROUND: On October 31, 2017 Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Chicago Field Office (CFO), received EPA OIG Hotline Referral #2018-0046. Specifically, the EPA OIG Hotline referenced a voicemail, which was received through the EPA OIG Hotline on October 9, 2017, from an unknown caller who placed the call using phone number (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The captioned phone number originates in Troy, MI. The message referenced possible indirect threats made towards the EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt, and employees of the EPA.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS: Investigative activities consisting of records queries from multiple federal agencies failed to identify a subject name associated with the above referenced phone number. Further, there was no evidence of a direct or indirect threat against Mr. Pruitt or the EPA. Due to the (b) (7)(E)

CASE:
OI-CH-2017-THT-0015

INTERVIEWEE:

DATE OF ACTIVITY:
12/1/17

DRAFTED DATE:
12/1/17


AGENT:
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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RECOMMENDATION: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(E) presented this investigation to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Matthew Ross, Chief of General Crimes, Eastern District of Michigan. AUSA Ross reviewed the facts of the case and advised his office would be declining to pursue prosecution (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)



No further investigative activities remain, therefore, it is recommended that this investigation be closed.

CASE:
OI-CH-2017-THT-0015

INTERVIEWEE:

DATE OF ACTIVITY:
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DRAFTED DATE:
12/1/17

AGENT:
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(E)

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DATE: APRIL 20, 2017

PREPARED BY: SA H. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2016-ADM-0097

CROSS REFERENCE #: HOTLINE COMP
2017-0212

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WILLIAMS JEFFERSON CLINTON (WJC) WEST
BUILDING ROOFTOP GARDEN

CASE SUMMARY REPORT

| Subject(s) | Location | Other Data |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| UNKNOWN SUBJECT | WASHINGTON, DC | |

COMPLAINT:

On April 12, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Investigations (OI), Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received information via an email that the lock on the William Jefferson Clinton (WJC) West Building rooftop door appeared to have been deliberately broken. The rooftop had been accessed several days earlier by employees who were directed to remove a rooftop garden from the area. On April 19, 2017, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA OIG Hotline, opened a hotline complaint on this matter.

BACKGROUND:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was approached by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Facilities Management and Services Division (FMSD), and told the lock on the WJC-West building rooftop had been broken. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then forwarded (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) an email and pictures with additional information [Attachments 1-3].

Due to the Easter/Passover holiday (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (FMSD), was unavailable at the time the damaged lock was found. When (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) returned to the office, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) quickly contacted OIG special agents. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that locks on WJC East and West were not damaged and the whole matter was simply a misunderstanding. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Water, had been given permission to access the roof to remove gardening materials. On April 7, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) left WJC-West rooftop door unlocked and secured the East side. The West door was

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left open for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (FMSD), found what appeared to be damage on the West rooftop door lock and reported it to (b) (6) supervisor on April 10, 2017. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6) had removed the lock from the West side and there was no property damage to report.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:

EPA OIG special agents conducted interviews with the necessary employees. Every version of the story was slightly different. The interviews revealed that a simple lack of communication resulted in the report of property damage being made to the OIG. The investigation revealed there was no criminal wrongdoing in this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

The investigation revealed that the allegation of property damage is not supported.

This case is recommended for closure with no further investigatory action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Hotline Complaint.



2017-0212
referral.pdf

2. Email to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Email.FW_ East and
West Rooftop Gard

3. Email to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Email.FW_ WJC
West rooftop garde



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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TWO POTOMAC YARD
2733 SOUTH CRYSTAL DRIVE
ARLINGTON, VA 22202

DATE: MAY 25, 2017

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-ADM-0110

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT - DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

CASE CLOSING REPORT

| Subject(s) | Location | Other Data |
|------------|----------|------------|
| N/A | EPA | |

VIOLATIONS(s):

Title 18 United States Code Section 1361; Destruction Of Government Property

ALLEGATIONS: On May 11, 2017, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Washington Field Office, was referred EPA OIG Hotline complaint 2017-0264. The request to the hotline was an allegation of destruction of property in room (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) William Jefferson Clinton Building, South on May 4, 2017. The subject may be an unknown Office of Environment and Compliance Assurance employee.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS: On various dates, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spoke telephonically with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Acquisition and Resource Management and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Federal Activities (OFA), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Both stated to SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that EPA employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) unscrewed the light bulbs due to the brightness of the them. Additionally, the brightness of the lights (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Since the incident was reported to EPA OIG the lights have been replaced and are currently fully functional.

DISPOSITION: Not Supported; Closed.

The allegation that an EPA employee destroyed lights in an EPA office was not supported. Therefore, it is recommended this case be closed.

As such, this case is being closed with no further action.



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DATE: December 7, 2016

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-CAC-0020

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OECA, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
THREAT

CASE CLOSING REPORT

| Subject(s) | Location | Other Data |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) | Washington, D.C. | |

VIOLATION(S):

D.C. Code § 22-404

Assault or threatened assault in a menacing manner; stalking

ALLEGATION:

On October 28, 2016, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Washington Field Office, was notified by OI (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had received a notice of termination from employment that morning. As (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was escorted to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) office to remove (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal items, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made a threatening gesture and comment towards (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor.

FINDINGS:

Victim, witness, and subject interviews were conducted.

DISPOSITION: Supported; Closed

The investigation supported the allegation of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) threatening (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor after (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received notice of termination from employment. The case was presented to the United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia on October 28, 2016. The case was declined for prosecution on November 2, 2016. Since this matter was declined for criminal prosecution and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been removed from Federal service this matter is closed.

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DATE: March 27, 2017

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-CAC-0059

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) THREAT

CASE CLOSING REPORT

| Subject(s) | Location | Other Data |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) | Beckley, WV | |

VIOLATION(S):

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 111

Assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees

ALLEGATION:

On January 19, 2017, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Washington Field Office, was notified by OI (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of an alleged threat directed towards (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), an EPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). After the sentencing of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for a violation of the Clean Water Act, an individual later identified as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) entered an elevator with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). When inside the elevator, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) "I hope to see you again real soon." Emphasizing the real soon. SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) asked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) knew the person late identified as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), as the elevator doors were closing and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated "no" and said, "I think I was just threatened."

FINDINGS:

On January 20, 2017, Special Agents from the EPA OIG and the (b) (7)(E) interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not mean for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) comment to be taken as threatening (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) just wanted to "tell (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) side" to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and that looking back on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) actions, it was not the time or place to say anything. If (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had known how (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) statement towards (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was perceived, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would not have made the statement.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) apologized for (b) (6) actions and stated (b) (6) would not seek out (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to communicate with (b) (6) and if (b) (6) ever encountered (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would avoid (b) (6) (C)

On January 28, 2017, EPA OIG was notified (b) (7)(E) that the assigned AUSA from the Southern District of West Virginia declined prosecution of this matter due to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

DISPOSITION: Inconclusive; Closed

This matter involving a potential threat was declined by the AUSA for the Southern District of West Virginia. Therefore, this case is now closed.